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STUDENTS' HANDBOOK

SWEET BRIAR COLLEGE

1924-1925

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SWEET BRIAR STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS

CALENDAR

1924

Sept. 16 and 17, Tuesday and Wednesday—Registration of students and examinations for entrance 9:00-12:30, 1:30-4:00.

Sept. 18, Thursday—First semester begins.

Oct. 23, Thursday—Annual Meeting of the Trustees.

Oct. 24, Friday—Founders' Day.

Nov. 27, Thursday—Thanksgiving Day. A holiday.

Dec. 19, Friday—Christmas vacation begins at 11:20 a. m.

1925

Jan. 6, Tuesday—The college reopens at 8:40 a. m.

Jan. 26, Monday—Semester examinations begin.

Feb. 2, Monday—Second semester begins.

March 20, Friday—Spring vacation begins at 6 p. m.

March 30, Monday—College reopens at 8:40 a. m.

May 16, Saturday—Senior examinations begin.

May 25, Monday—Final examinations begin.

May 31, Sunday—Baccalaureate Sermon.

June 1, Monday—Annual Meeting of the Alumnae.

June 2, Tuesday—Sixteenth Annual Commencement.

TO THE NEW GIRLS

We are welcoming the Freshman Class of 1928! We are glad to have each one of you at Sweet Briar. It is your spirit and your coöperation which will help uphold the ideals and standards of the College. Since you are going to be a large part of it, we want you to feel that Sweet Briar belongs to the students and that only by our loyalty and love for it, our interest in its welfare and our earnest purpose to take and use the best that it can give us, will its highest aims be accomplished. You can do your part by giving your chosen college the best you have to give and by being prepared to enjoy your life here to the fullest by making it worth while. Sweet Briar must be proud of having every one of you.

Sweet Briar, Sweet Briar, flower fair,
The rose that on your crest you wear
Shall never fade, but always bear
  Thy beauty, O Sweet Briar!

Sweet Briar, Sweet Briar, thy columns white
Shine on thy hills a beacon light
Of truth, to burn with radiance bright
  Forever, O, Sweet Briar!

Sweet Briar, Sweet Briar, we sing to thee,
May thy foundations ever be
Strong as thy hills, thy purity
  That of thy rose, Sweet Briar!

THE SWEET BRIAR CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

Offiicers for 1924-25

President ..... Jane Becker
Vice-President ..... Adelaide Harris
Secretary ..... Mary Bristol
Treasurer ..... Elizabeth Moore

Chairmen of Committees

Social ..... Frances Burnett
Social Service ..... Ruth Lowrance
Membership ..... Adelaide Harris
Religious Meetings ..... Helen Smyser
Publicity ..... Eleanor Miller
Extension ..... Dorothy Herbison
Finance ..... Elizabeth Moore
Undergraduate Representative
Mary Craighill

You are cordially invited
to attend the

Opening Reception

given to the new students
by the

Sweet Briar Christian
Association

Saturday, September the 27th

at eight o'clock p. m.,
in the Refectory

THE ASSOCIATION AT WORK

What Each Committee is Doing

The Social Service Committee

Perhaps you are surprised to find "social service" work in the country, but it is in the country that the Red Cross and the Christian Association are doing some of their hardest work. Sweet Briar is a well worth while field, though the work on the campus is limited to two branches—the Sunday School and the meetings and classes for the waitresses.

The Sunday School is attended by about twenty-five children. The classes are made very attractive and it means a great deal to them. The Christmas tree every year is always a howling success —a feature that none of you must miss. This is a kind of work which is doubly repaid by the pleasure you get out of it.

The waitresses do not get out of the dining-room in time for church or for the Sunday evening vesper services, so if it were not for the meetings which are held Sunday night there would be twenty-five girls at Sweet Briar who would never have an opportunity of going to church, whether they wanted to go or not. The classes for these same girls are organized under the direction of the Association. We have had a dancing class, a sewing class, a singing club, a basket-ball class, and classes in English, Mathematics, and Hygiene.

If you want your work to be thoroughly appreciated, just offer some of your time to the Chairman of the Social Service Committee. She is Ruth Lowrance.

The Extension Committee

The Extension Committee is Social Service work spread out. The activity of the committee for the coming year will be in connection with the Red Cross center in Amherst and with the branch organization at Sweet Briar. Perhaps you know that the American Red Cross is concentrating its efforts on the betterment of conditions in rural communities and that Amherst is one of the poorest counties in the State. Sweet Briar can do no more creditable or lasting work than to aid in the improvement and progressiveness of the county in which it is situated. We are helping to support in Amherst, a nurse and social worker who has done immeasurable and widespread good for the people all over the county.

Before you leave for Sweet Briar look around and see if you have some children's books. If so pack them up and send them to Rev. Thomas Lewis, Amherst, Va. This year the Sweet Briar girls are going to see that the Amherst children are no longer without a library of any kind and what we want is books.

There will be a story hour in Amherst for the youngsters on alternate Sunday

afternoons, and we want every girl who possibly can to volunteer to help with this work.

Equally important is the Indian Mission. This is a settlement back in the mountains, of several hundred people of very mixed blood and almost unbelievably few opportunities. The county supplies a teacher for six months of the year and the Episcopal Church in Amherst and the Sweet Briar Christian Association support her for the other six months. We also send clothes and provisions to the Mission and the Association gets up frequent hiking parties to go over and arrange entertainment for the children, carrying them toys and candy, and at Christmas, filling stockings for them. The girls take an especial interest in this branch of work and it has proved to be an instance of time well spent.

The Extension Committee has also been interested in launching a health campaign at the Coolwell school, about two miles distant, and in helping the school raise the money for its own activities in the line of improvements.

Besides this, magazines and provisions are sent to the county poorhouse where conditions are far worse than pitiable and where there is an ever-present need for assistance.

If you are willing to take your part in making people warm, well, and happy, there is a place on this committee open to you. Apply to Mary Craighill.

The Religious Meetings Committee

The Religious Meetings Committee plans the vesper services which are held after supper on Sunday evenings. Sometimes these meetings are short, simple services, with a little special music, which are rather intimate and which give you a few minutes at the end of the day to rest. Sometimes at these meetings many of the finest speakers and biggest workers in branches of social, industrial, and religious work, who come to Sweet Briar, speak to us. These services should undoubtedly prove a great source of really substantial help. Whenever you think of any feature which would make them more interesting or helpful, be sure to report it to Helen Smyser.

This Committee also provides for the short chapel service on Friday evening.

The Membership Committee

What the Association wants is not numbers but *members*! That is one reason why Sweet Briar adopted the *personal basis* of membership. You know it used to be the case that you could be a member of the Association on any condition, but not a voting member unless you were a member of a church which belonged to the Federation of the Churches of Christ in America. At the National Convention in Cleveland, held in April, 1920, it was voted to adopt the personal basis of membership

for the student associations. You will find this basis fully explained under Article III in the Constitution. Sweet Briar took the forward step along with many other colleges in the United States.

It is believed that under this new order the girls will feel more keenly that *they are the Association* and if the Association succeeds, to them goes the credit and if it fails, to them people will look for the reason. This should kill any tendency to indifference.

Look for the Membership Committee when you arrive. Those girls, together with the rest of the S. B. C. A. Cabinet, will be there to meet you. It will be their pleasure to welcome you to Sweet Briar and help you in any way they can.

Sometime during the early fall this same committee will be asking you to be a member of the Association, so think it over—it's worth it. Watch for Adelaide Harris, the chairman of the Membership Committee.

The Social Committee

Through the efforts of the Social Committee, more girls are brought in touch with each other than through the work of any other branch of the Association. Its members help to meet the new girls and to make them feel at home at Sweet Briar. They have charge of the reception given to the new girls at the beginning of the year and of the

party given to those students who enter in February. The S. B. C. A. bazaar and the musical comedy are both under the management of the Social Committee, as is also the responsibility of providing comfortably for all guests of the Association.

If you have any ideas for these affairs or are willing to help, the Committee wants you. The Chairman is Frances Burnett.

The Publicity Committee

If you can draw, here is your opportunity to exercise your talent and to be useful. If there is one thing we do like it is attractive posters. We use them for everything. The committee needs everybody who can serve, and those who cannot make posters—please read them and heed them. There will be posters for the Sunday evening meetings, for bazaars and parties, for entertainments and activities, and general information.

This committee is the information bureau of all S. B. C. A. activities in other fields. If the Publicity Committee doesn't know something you want to know they can find out for you. The chairman is Eleanor Miller. Help her and let her help you.

The Finance Committee

The main business of the Finance Committee is the making out of a

budget at the beginning of each year. This budget is an approximate estimate of the S. B. C. A. expenses for the year and it is up to the Finance Committee to raise this amount.

BLUE RIDGE

The Students' Summer Conference

Away down in North Carolina on the side of a great mountain, perches Blue Ridge. The first view of it from the railway station at Black Mountain is inspiring and the inspiration is renewed at every turn. Perhaps the most wonderful thing about the place is the view fronting Robert E. Lee Hall, which is the nucleus of the conference life. Standing on the broad piazza, looking across the valley with it many roads winding in and out among the fields and forests, you see the blue outlines of a long, high range of mountains, rugged and majestic in their dignified beauty. It may be the atmosphere of the conference, it may be just imagination, but somehow God seems very real to you up there.

Each day is filled with interesting things. All morning there are Bible and Mission study classes, lectures and meetings for the discussions of Y. W. work. At these meetings you find girls from colleges all over the South, and

you learn a great deal about the management and business of other student Y. W. C. A.'s. In the afternoon there are hiking, swimming, tennis, and other sports. Parties climb Hightop to watch the sun set over the blue, eternal hills. Dinner is at six o'clock and each delegation gathers at its own table in the refectory. What an appetite that mountain air gives you and how good the food is! During the meal, the different colleges serenade each other, Blue Ridge, and the world in general, with all kinds of college and conference songs. Later there are stunts, movies, lectures, or step-singing out in front of Robert E. Lee Hall. Last of all are the delegation meetings, just before "taps" when the members of each delegation discuss together the things that have happened during the day.

The finest thing you can bring with you from the conference is the "Blue Ridge spirit." This may be defined as "happy helpfulness" for everyone is eager to help you in any possible way, and everyone is happy. There you are prouder than ever of being a Christian; it seems a thing to be proud of, to try to live up to more than ever before. You might well put your whole life into Blue Ridge and not take half from it of what is there for you. Blue Ridge is one of the "high places" of our country, and if you doubt this, just ask anyone who has been there.

SWEET BRIAR CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION POLICY FOR 1924-25

Motto: "Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."—I Cor. 10:31.

1

We, as a Cabinet, realize that our supreme strength lies in the reality to us of Christ as a Friend. Therefore, we determine to make Him our Friend, to help other girls feel Him as their Friend and then work together for His honor and glory.

2

The Cabinet believes that the greatest need of our college is a deeper thoughtfulness on the part of each girl in college. This thought would result in a true estimate of the relative values of things, a balanced life which puts the right emphasis on the different phases of college life and develops true college spirit. To this end we will dare to stand for:

First—Loyal and unflinching support of the Associations in college, strict obedience to their regulations, and regular attendance at their meetings.

Second—Interested respect and response to the regulations of the Student Executive Department.

3

Inasmuch as we are the leaders in the spiritual life of our college community we determine:

To observe Sunday in such a way as shall show the college our real love for Christ and our reverence for the Lord's Day.

To set a proper standard of conduct in chapel exercises.

To hold a Cabinet prayer group once a week where as a body we may bring our specific problems to God for solution.

To support to the best of our ability our regular Sunday evening services.

To bring out and train girls in real spiritual leadership, by watching carefully for powers of leadership in girls and by giving these girls such work to do as shall develop and consecrate these powers.

4

Inasmuch as we realize the Association is dependent not only upon the spiritual quality of the leaders but also upon their practical efficiency, we resolve:

To be regular and punctual in attendance upon the weekly meetings of the Cabinet and to regard these meetings as previous engagements.

To regard Cabinet meetings as confidential meetings, where we may freely discuss any question.

To read intelligently each month ou Association Monthly in order to be thor oughly equipped in our work.

To study the Association Handbook.

5

As individuals we pledge ourselves:

To spend as much time as possibl daily with Christ in the study of ou Bible and in prayer.

To keep strict watch over ourselve in all our activities and relationships.

To know as many girls in college a possible, and to be ready and willing t give each girl the best that is in us.

All the above resolutions, howsoeve difficult, we will carry out to the ve best of our ability.

"Be ye transformed by the renewin of your mind, that ye may prove wh is that good and acceptable and perfe will of God."—Rom. 12:2.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

You are the Sweet Briar Christian Association. If the Association succeeds, it is you who make it do so; if it fails, it is because you have not taken your part. The Association, so large in its possibilities, so influential in its scope, so vital and necessary to the college life, must not fail. Therefore, be an active member. Show your interest, give your support, coöperate for the accomplishment of its aims. Be conscious of your membership and try to make others feel a similar consciousness and you and your Association will both grow broader and will be more worth while.

Show your interest by an endeavor to attend every meeting regularly, and DO NOT COME ALONE. To try to interest others is the surest way to interest one's self.

If you have any criticism of the Association, make them *to* us and not *about* us. Criticisms prompted by sincere interest may be a source of real improvement and progress in our work.

Carry the Association spirit of helpfulness and unselfishness with you throughout the week—to your tables, your classes, your roommates, and your play. It is not meant to be kept for Sunday!

CONSTITUTION OF THE SWEET BRIAR CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

Article I—Name

This Association shall be called the Sweet Briar Christian Association.

Article II—Purpose

The Sweet Briar Christian Association, affirming the Christian faith of God, the Father; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord and Savior; and in the Holy Spirit, the Revealer of Truth and Source of power for life and service; according to the teachings of the Holy Scripture and the witness of the Church, declares its purpose to be:

1. To lead students to faith in God through Jesus Christ.
2. To lead them into membership and service in the Christian Church.
3. To promote their growth in the Christian faith and character, especially through the study of the Bible.
4. To influence them to devote themselves in united effort with all Christians to making the will of Christ effective in human society, and to extending the Kingdom of God throughout the world.

Article III—Membership

Section 1—Any woman of the institution may become a member of the Association provided she makes the following declaration:

I am in sympathy with the purpose of the Association and

It is my purpose to live as a true follower of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Sec. 2—It shall be the duty of each member in all possible ways to advance the object of the Association, giving it its true importance in college life, both by her consistent personal life, and by any service which she may be called upon to render in the organized work of the Association.

Sec. 3—A member may be received from, or transferred to, any other Association affiliated with the Young Women's Christian Association of the United States of America which makes provision for such transfer and whose membership fee is not less than $1.00 per annum. Such membership shall be considered valid until the expiration of the original membership.

Sec. 4—Qualifications for Leadership.

a. All members of the cabinet (officers and chairmen of standing committees) shall commit themselves to furthering the purpose of the Association.

b. Two-thirds of the cabinet members shall be members of churches which are entitled to representation in the Federal

Council of the Churches of Christ in America, and only those delegates who are members of such churches shall be entitled to vote in conventions.

Article IV—Officers

Section 1—The officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The President shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting held two weeks after the mid-year examinations. The remaining officers shall be elected five weeks after the mid-year examinations. They shall enter upon their duties in the second week of May.

Sec. 2—If any vacancy occurs in the offices, it shall be filled by ballot at the next meeting of the Association or at a special meeting called for that purpose.

Article V—Committees

Section 1—Immediately after the election of officers, the following committees shall be appointed by the President:

1. A Committee on Membership, which shall have charge of the special effort to reach new students at the beginning of the college year, and shall follow up the work of the Reception Committee during the year, making a systematic canvass to present the object of the Association and to urge all young women of the institution to unite with it. It shall have charge of all delegations to conferences and conventions held in connection with the Association and it shall also have charge of the alumni records of the Association.

2. A Committee on Religious Meetings, which shall provide for all the regular devotional meetings of the Association, appoint leaders and suggest topics.

3. A Social Committee, which shall aim to cultivate the social life as fundamental to the purpose of the Association. It shall have charge of social gatherings, setting high social standards and creating a wholesome atmosphere that shall permeate the student body. Its work shall be continued further in connection with the infirmary patients.

4. A Finance Committee, upon entering office, shall prepare a budget of estimated receipts and expenditures of the Association, providing for all committees for the year, including special objects, such as Mission funds, conference delegate funds and social service work. This budget having been approved by the Cabinet shall be presented to the Association for endorsement. The Finance Committee shall see that the budget is adhered to by all committees, unless subsequent action of the Cabinet permits increase in expenditures. The Finance Committee shall further devise and carry into execution, plans for raising of the budget through the voluntary subscriptions of all those members who desire to contribute, and shall audit all bills. This committee shall also collect the membership fees and shall promote plans for systematic giving.

5. A Voluntary Study Committee which shall provide for Mission and Bible study classes and have charge of the

Foreign and Home Missionary interests of the Association.

6. A Publicity Committee, which shall keep the Territorial Committee in touch with the work of the Association; and keep the Association supplied with the publications relating to Association work. It shall have charge of the Association's library, of the second-hand store and of making posters for the Sunday evening meetings and all special meetings of the Association.

7. The Extension Committee, which shall have charge of the work at the Indian Mission, of the Amherst County Poor House and of the poor in the vicinity.

8. The Social Service Committee, which shall be responsible for the expression of the Christian life of the students through some form of helpful service. It shall study the needs of the immediate locality, and endeavor, where possible, to meet those needs. It shall have charge of the Sunday School and services and classes for the maids.

9. A Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President one month before the annual meeting, to prepare nominations for the offices of the Association. This committee shall consist of five members, three of whom shall be members of the Cabinet, and two chosen from the voting members of the Association. No nominations shall be made from the floor at the time of elections.

Sec. 2—Special committees for other purposes may be provided and their work

defined by vote of the Association at any regular meeting. They shall be appointed in the same way as the standing committees.

Sec. 3—The President and Secretary shall be *ex officio* members of all committees.

Sec. 4—Each standing committee shall hold a regular meeting at least once a month for the consideration of its special department of Association work, and shall file a written report monthly in the Association record. Each chairman may subdivide her committee, and with the consent of the President, form subcommittees among members serving regularly on another committee.

Sec. 5—The four officers, together with the chairmen of all standing committees, shall constitute the Cabinet of the Association, and shall have general management of the affairs of the Association. The Cabinet shall meet once a week, and at the call of the President when necessary.

Article VI

Section 1—The Association shall hold a reception for new students some time during the first two weeks of the college year.

Sec. 2—The Association shall hold business meetings at the call of the President, and meetings for the election of officers at the close of the winter term.

Sec. 3—Special meetings may be called by the President or at the written request of three members.

Sec. 4—Two-thirds of the electors shall constitute a quorum.

Article VII—Debt

No debt shall be incurred by the Association.

Article VIII—Advisory Committee

NUMBER AND PERSONNEL

Section 1—The Advisory Committee shall be composed of from seven to nine members, two of whom may be men. This number shall include the President and Treasurer of the Association Cabinet, the remainder to be selected from the faculty members, wives of faculty, alumnæ of the institution, or other Christian women who are interested in the Association. One member of the Advisory Committee may be non-resident. Only members of Protestant Evangelical Churches may become members of this committee.

ELECTION OF ADVISORY OFFICERS

Sec. 2—The nominations for the Advisory Committee in first establishing the committee shall be made by the Cabinet and voted upon at the regular business meeting of the Association. At the first election, one-third of the members shall be elected for a term of three years, one-third for two years, and one-third for one

year. After the committtee is established, election shall be made for three years by the Association at the regular business meeting, the nominations having been made by a committee composed of an equal number from the Advisory Committee appointed by the chairman and from the Cabinet appointed by the President. Any vacancy occurring during the year shall be filled by the Cabinet until the next annual business meeting, when the Association shall elect to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term. The chairman shall be designated by the President of the Association, and shall in turn appoint a Recording Secretary. The Treasurer of the Association shall act as Treasurer of the Advisory Committee.

Sec. 3—The Advisory Committee shall hold regular monthly meetings during the college year, two of these meetings may be joint meetings with the Cabinet. Special meetings may be called by the chairman of the committee or by the request of the President of the Association.

DUTIES AND PREROGATIVES

Sec. 4—Each member of the Advisory Committee shall coöperate in work and prayer with some one committee of the Association. The committee shall make a thorough study of the needs of the young women in the institution, socially, physically, and spiritually, and shall work aggressively to meet these needs through the Association.

Article IX—Amendments

Sec. 1—*Procedure.* Notice of proposed amendments to this constitution shall be given at the previous regular meetings and shall require for their adoption a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members present, except this Article and Article II, and Article III, Sections 1 and 2, which shall not be altered or repealed except by the two-thirds vote of the Association for two consecutive years at its annual meeting.

Sec. 2—*Affiliations Affected.* Should Article II or Article III, Sections 1 and 2 be altered or repealed, and any membership basis adopted other than the authorized alternate basis, that is the church membership basis, the Association would forfeit its right to membership in the National Young Women's Christian Association of the United States of America, according to the constitution of the national organization, and would thereby also forfeit its affiliation with the World's Student Christian Federation.

Definition

In forming the National Young Women's Christian Association of America, it was agreed to use as definition of Protestant Evangelical Churches, the Portland definition in use by the Young Men's Christian Association of North America, and as optional the statement of the action taken by the Inter-Church Conference of 1905. Printed matter con-

taining these will be forwarded upon request to the National Board, Young Women's Christian Association, 600 Lexington Avenue, New York.

BY-LAWS

By-Law I—The new and old Cabinets shall meet jointly during the intervening period and outline the policies of the work of the coming year.

By-Law II—The President shall preside at all business meetings of the Association. She shall appoint the chairmen of all committees, and in consultation with these chairmen shall appoint the members of the committees.

She shall see that the committees are instructed in their work as soon as possible after appointment. She shall hold the committee chairmen responsible for the work of their respective committees, and endeavor to develop a force of workers for future service. She shall have charge of the general correspondence of the Association and keep in communication with the Territorial Committee and the National Board of the Young Women's Christian Association of the U. S. A. On retiring from office, she shall present a written report covering her term of service, with recommendations concerning the future work of the Association.

By-Law III—The Undergraduate field representative is chosen from Hollins,

Sweet Briar, and Westhampton, respectively, each succeeding year. It is her duty to represent the student problems of these colleges to the field committee. In this way she is to bring the field and local association into a closer understanding of one another. It is her duty to familiarize herself with the policies of the Association work as they affect the whole field, in order that she may be able to interpret the field student committee to the local associations, and also keep the larger work of the whole field vividly before the local associations.

By-Law IV—The Vice-President shall share the duties of the President and in the absence of the latter shall perform her duties. She shall be chairman of the Membership Committee.

By-Law V—The Secretary shall keep full minutes of all business meetings of the Association, and of the Cabinet.

By-Law VI—The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds of the Association and shall deposit the same in a bank designated by the Cabinet. She shall collect all pledges and keep an account of all receipts and disbursements, and render a written report monthly, and a general report at the annual meeting covering the receipts and expenditures of the year. The annual report shall be approved by an auditing committee appointed by the Cabinet. She may act as chairman of the Finance Committee, or be ex officio a member.

By-Law VII—No student deficient in academic work or in "bad standing" with the Student Government Association shall hold office in the Association.

No student shall be appointed as chairman of a standing committee of the Association while deficient in academic work or in "bad standing" with the Student Government Association.

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Foreword

With the opening of a college career, the great problems of control, and self-control in particular, seem uppermost. Aiding in the solution of this problem, with the coöperation of the faculty and the earnest work of former students, the Student Government Association of Sweet Briar College, has risen. This Association through the fourteen years of its existence has stood for the maintenance of our College standards.

The success of former years and of the years to come is intimately connected with the life and aim of each student who forms a unit of the democracy. Each citizen of the collegiate body should realize the importance of her hearty co-operation with the actions of her government by earnest interest and truthful expression of her own opinion. The fresh inspiration of the members of the Association, gathered together, are only greater steps toward the perfection of a system which shall stand for everything. Each individual is needed. Her value to the rest of the college is inestimable, if her idea and aim is always what is best for Sweet Briar College.

The observance of the rules and laws of the Association may at first seem irksome, but they become easy if we remember to uphold the high standard. To help in the upholding of our rule, we have drawn up a constitution.

THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Agreement Concerning the Student Government of Sweet Briar College

Our Petition

The Students of Sweet Briar College, believing that there is dignity and honor in student government, desire individual and community responsibility for the conduct of students in matters not strictly academic.

We, therefore, petition the President and Faculty for legislative and executive control in certain matters. We ask:

I—Right to control quiet and order in all places about the buildings and campus that are not under the immediate control of a member of the Faculty.

II—Permission, with the advice and approval of the Faculty, to extend our power as occasion arises and we prove worthy to be vested with greater power and authority.

III—Permission to make such additions to the above as we may feel are necessary, with the consent and approval of the President and Faculty.

Faculty's Reply

The Faculty of Sweet Briar College endorses most cordially the desire of the student body to assume responsibility for

the conduct of individual students in non-academic matters. Therefore, the Faculty accords permission to frame a constitution embodying laws regulating the points specified in the petition—said constitution to be submitted to the Faculty for endorsement.

Preamble

Whereas, We, the students of Sweet Briar College, desire to assume individual and community responsibility for the conduct of students in matters not strictly academic, and, whereas, we believe that there is dignity and honor in student government, we do hereby, in accordance with the agreement between the Faculty and students, organize ourselves into an Association.

REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF SWEET BRIAR COLLEGE

CONSTITUTION

Article I—Name

The name of the Association shall be the Student Government Association of Sweet Briar College.

Article II—Purpose

The purpose of this Association shall be to foster the individual and community interests of Sweet Briar students, by maintaining the high standard of conduct and decorum, and by strengthening the spirit of unity and the sense of individual responsibility implicit in the ideal underlying the foundation of Sweet Briar College, which was "to impart to students such an education in sound learning, and such physical, moral, and religious training as shall . . . best fit them to be useful members of society."

Article III—Honor System

In order to carry out the general purposes of the Association, an Honor System has been installed. Under the Honor System, it is assumed that all members of the Association will have due regard for the spirit as well as for the letter of the rules and regulations adopted from time to time, in accordance with this Constitution.

The Sweet Briar Honor System rests solely upon the personal honor of each student, and upon the public opinion of the student community as a whole. Each student is in honor bound to report herself to the proper authority for any infraction of the rules, except in matters which are under the direct jurisdiction of the Proctors. Each student is likewise honor bound to report any fellow-student known to be guilty of a similar infraction of the rules, after failure on the part of said fellow-student to comply with a request to report herself.

While the various officers and committee-members of the Association are especially charged with the duty of maintaining the respect for law and order necessary for a self-governing community, this provision in no way relieves any student of her individual responsibility. It is expected that every student will hold herself personally responsible for compliance with the rules of the Association, and will endeavor in every way within her power to foster a public spirit which will not tolerate the infringement of the rules by any member of the Association.

Each student is expected to conduct herself at all times and in all places in such manner as shall uphold the honor and reputation of the College, as well as her personal honor.

Occasional and accidental neglect of the rules governing quiet and lights in the dormitories shall not be considered as a "breach of honor." It is to be borne in mind, however, that only such rules are in force as have been found necessary for the maintenance of a peaceful and harmonious community life, and their persistent or willful disregard, therefore, constitutes a serious offense, and will be dealt with accordingly by the duly authorized officers of the Association.

Article IV—Membership

All persons pursuing studies at Sweet Briar College are active members of the Association and must conform to the rules and regulations of the Association for such periods as they are registered in the College. Dismissal from the Association constitutes an unqualified recommendation to the Faculty for dismissal from College.

Every student upon registration shall automatically be granted Honorable Membership in the Association. By violation of the rules of the Association, a student shall forfeit her right to Honorable Membership, and may be placed on parole for a period to be stipulated by the Executive Committee. Reinstatement to Honorable

Membership may be consummated only by formal action of the Executive Committee.

Article V—Jurisdiction

In accordance with the resolution of the Faculty dated October 20, 1906, all resident students, both individually and collectively, are under the immediate jurisdiction of the Association, in matters not strictly academic. Non-resident students are likewise under the jurisdiction of the Association, except in matters which naturally are under the control of their parents or guardians.

All the legislative, executive, and judicial powers recognized as essential to a self-governing organization, shall be vested in the Association, acting either as a whole or through its duly authorized officers and committees, as hereinafter provided.

Article VI—General Government

Section I—Officers. The officers of the Association shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, a House President for each dormitory, and Proctors for each dormitory.

Sec. II—Duties of Officers. (a) The President shall call and preside at all meetings of the Association, of the Executive Committee, of the College Council, and of the Advisory Council. She shall officially represent the students on any faculty or student committee, or on any other occasion when the students require

such representation; and shall perform all the duties which naturally pertain to the office of President of a self-governing organization. As soon as convenient after registration, the President shall call a meeting of the entering students to explain the rules and regulations of the Association. At the last regular meeting in April, the President shall render a report of the year's work. The President for the ensuing year shall assume the duties of her office on the first of May.

(b) The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President; shall have charge of the College Calendar; administer the system of points, and keep a cumulative record of all offices held by each member of the Association throughout her college course; and perform such other duties as shall from time to time be designated by the President or Executive Committee.

(c) The Secretary shall record the proceedings of all meetings of the Association, of the Executive Committee, and of the College Council, and shall keep a permanent record of the same. She shall report to the Faculty of the College for ratification all amendments to the Constitution and the By-Laws adopted by the Association; submit to the President of the College or her deputy, for her approval, lists of officers, committees, boards, or other bodies appointed by the Association or its officers, and keep a permanent record of such lists; attend to all correspondence of the Association not

coming directly under the jurisdiction of the Treasurer, and perform all other duties naturally pertaining to the office of Secretary of the Association.

(d) The Treasurer shall collect the dues of the Association; keep a strict account of all money of the Association, and expend the same according to the direction of the Executive Committee of the Association. The books of the Association shall at all times be open to inspection by any member of the Association or by the President of the College or her deputy. The Treasurer shall make interim reports of the finances of the Association at the request of the President of the Association or of the Executive Committee, and at the last regular meeting of the year, shall render a complete report of the year's work.

(e) Each House President shall serve as a member of the Executive Committee; exercise a general supervision over her district; appoint Proctors for terms of three weeks to assist her in such supervision; and hold her Proctors responsible for the maintenance of order within their respective jurisdictions. She shall have the right to remove any Proctor from office for neglect of duty. Such removal shall constitute a Minor Offense (See By-Laws I and II), for which the offender shall be summoned before the Executive Committee for appropriate action.

(f) The Proctors shall assist their respective House Presidents in the maintenance of law and order, and in accord-

ance with the Constitution and By-laws of the Association, shall regularly report to their respective House Presidents any infractions of the rules, occurring within their respective jurisdictions. Such reports shall be specific as to name, hour, nature of offense, and any other relevant details. The special duties of the Proctors shall be to enforce the quiet, light, and fire-prevention rules. Each student will be held directly responsible for any disturbance which may occur in her room, unless the particular student or students causing the disturbance shall exonerate her either to the Proctor, the House President or the Executive Committee. With regard to these rules students shall be held responsible for their guests. At all times and in all places, the Proctors shall hold themselves responsible for good order in the college community, and shall take whatever steps may seem expedient to enforce the rules of the Association. In the discharge of their official duties, Proctors are duly authorized representatives of the Association, and are vested with the dignity and authority naturally pertaining to such representation. Their injunctions are binding upon all students, pending appeal as hereinafter provided. (See Article VII, Section 2, Sub-Section g.) Any student, whether or not she be an official of the Association, shall have the right, and shall be under obligation, to act as *Proctor pro tem* and to protest against any unwarranted disturbance in the dormitories by reminding offenders of their responsibilities as members of

the Student Government Association. In case of persistent disregard for the rights and comfort of others, and after reasonable warning, any such Proctor *pro tem* shall be expected to report the misdemeanor to the House President, to the Executive Committee, or to some other officer of the Association.

Article VII—Committees

Section 1. The Standing Committees of the Association shall be: The Executive Committee, College Council, Advisory Council. Special committees shall be appointed from time to time by the President at her own discretion, or at the suggestion of the Association, of the Executive Committee, or of the College Council.

(a) The Executive Committee shall consist of the President- Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer of the Association, the House Presidents, and the President of the Freshman Class, the Freshman representative to have the right of discussion, but no right to vote.

(b) The College Council shall consist of the Executive Committee of the Association, and eight members of the Faculty of the College.

(c) The Advisory Council shall consist of the members of the Executive Committee, the Presidents of the Four Classes, and of the Sweet Briar Christian Association, of the Dramatic Association, the Athletic Association, the Editor of *The Brambler*, and the Editor of the *Briar Patch*.

Sec. 2. (a) The Executive Committee shall have the power to decide imperative and detailed business, reporting monthly to the College Council and, on demand, to the Association.

(b) It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to be immediately responsible for all matters which come under the jurisdiction of the Association; to carry out resolutions passed by the Association or by the College Council; to execute its own decrees which may be passed in matters not specifically included in general legislation; to receive from the House Presidents or from other members of the Association reports of any infringement of the rules, and, in the case of major offenses, to take such action thereon as may seem wise and expedient in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Association; and in the case of minor offenses, to impose such penalties as are provided in the By-laws.

(c) The Executive Committee, sitting as a court, shall have original jurisdiction in all cases of discipline, and shall have the right, and it shall be its duty, to judge and pass sentence upon any case of misconduct coming to its attention. The accused shall have the right to appear and present her defense before the case is finally adjudicated.

(d) The Executive Committee shall have the power to summon before it, at its discretion, any committee or board or member of the Association, and, in the exercise of its judicial functions, to re-

quire testimony from any member of the Association, and to inflict penalty for refusal to testify, except in cases where for good and sufficient reason, it shall see fit to excuse the witness.

(e) It shall likewise be incumbent upon the Executive Committee to enforce all penalties imposed by any branch of the Association for infraction of rules or disregard of the community welfare.

(f) In cases where the Executive Committee proceeds in the face of a denial by the student accused, a reprimand shall issue from, or other penalty be imposed by, the said Committee only on the basis of a formal statement, signed by a majority of the Executive Committee, giving the nature of the testimony and the names of the witnesses. Such signed statement shall be presented to the accused, if demanded by her.

(g) The Executive Committee shall receive and shall consider with reasonable despatch, any complaint filed in writing by any student who feels that she has been unjustly treated by any member of the Association. Such complaint shall be adjudicated in accordance with the regular precedure of the Executive Committee.

(h) The Executive Committee shall cooperate with the President of the College in the enforcement of those rules not directly under the jurisdiction of the Student Government Association, concerning the general conduct of the students. (See rules and regulations drawn

up by the President of the College and the Executive Committee of the Faculty.)

Sec. 3. (a) The purpose of the College Council shall be to act as an intermediary body between the Faculty and the students. All matters which are to be presented to the Executive Committee of the Faculty by the students shall, prior to such presentation, be discussed by this Council. If, by majority vote, the Council disagrees with the original decision of the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee may, in its discretion, present the matter in question directly to the Executive Committee of the Faculty.

(b) The Council may discuss topics of general and special interest to the college community, and offer recommendations to the Executive Committee of the Faculty or to the Student Government Association.

(c) It shall be the further duty of the College Council to act as a Court of Appeals whenever an appeal is taken from a judicial decision of the Executive Committee. Such appeal may be taken either directly by the student convicted, or by the Student Government Association meeting as a Committee of the whole, in case such appeal by the Association is sustained by a written petition signed by at least one-half of the members of the Association. Such appeal may also be taken by the Executive Committee in any case involving either a Minor or Major Offense. In the case of a Major Offense, such appeal must be taken by the Execu-

tive Committee before final decision. In case of such appeal, the Council shall have the same duties and powers as are vested in the Executive Committee when sitting as a court. (See Article VII, Section 2, Sub-sections c, d, e, and f.)

(d) All questions of interpretation of this Constitution shall be referred to the College Council, whose decision shall be final.

(e) At the request of the College Council, any case involving infraction of the rules may be brought before the Council for review and readjudication, after action by the Executive Committee.

(f) A final appeal may be taken from a judicial decision of the College Council to the Executive Committee of the Faculty, (1) by the convicted student only in case the decision involves the penalty of expulsion, honorable dismissal, or suspension; or (2) by the Student Government Association, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, in case such appeal is sustained by a written petition signed by at least one-half of the members of the Association. In all other cases, the judicial decision of the Council shall be final.

Sec. 4. (a) The Advisory Council shall convene from time to time at the call of the President of the Association; shall confer and advise with her in regard to general policies of the Association and in regard to any matters pertaining to student life; and shall in general act as an intermediary between the students and the Executive Committee.

(b) The Advisory Council shall have the right of recommendation to the Association, the Executive Committee, or the College Council, but shall have no right of legislation and no judicial or executive power.

(c) The President shall call a meeting of the Advisory Council upon the written request of three or more members of said Council.

Article VIII—Meetings

Section 1. (a) Regular meetings of the Association shall be held weekly, for which due notice shall be given in advance. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the Executive Committee or the President.

(b) Two-thirds of the members of the Association shall constitute a quorum. Unless otherwise herein provided, a majority vote of those present shall be binding.

Sec. 2. Regular monthly meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held at a time designated by the President of the Association. Special meetings of the Committee may be called by the President.

Sec. 3. Regular monthly meetings of the College Council shall be held at a time designated by the President of the Association, subject to the approval of the Council. Special meetings of the Council may be called by the President.

Sec. 4. The rules contained in *Roberts' Rules of Order* shall govern the Associa-

tion in all cases to which they are applicable, provided they are not inconsistent with the By-laws of the Association.

Article IX—Elections

Section 1. Officers of the Association for the ensuing year shall be nominated by a nominating committee composed of the Executive Committee and the Presidents of the Four Classes. It shall be the duty of this Committee to receive and consider recommendations for those nominees during the first week of the second semester, at the end of which time the nominations shall be announced.

Sec. 2. Elections shall begin one week after the announcement of nominations.

Sec. 3. The President and Vice-President of the Association shall be elected from the Senior Class; the Secretary and Treasury from the Junior Class; two House Presidents from the Senior Class, two from the Sophomore Class, and one from the Junior Class.

Sec. 4. Should a vacancy occur in any office of the Association, or in the Executive Committee, it shall be filled by a special election by the Association from nominees selected by the Nominating Committee.

Sec. 5. (a) Members of the Executive Committee of the Association may hold office in one other organization only.

(b) All offices held by students are divided into points according to the By-

laws. No student may hold more than fourteen points at one time.

Sec. 6. The May Queen shall be elected three weeks after the beginning of the second semester.

Article X

All secret organizations are forbidden. The penalty for infringement of this provision shall be immediate dissolution of the organization, or dismissal from the Association.

Article XI

An amendment or revision of the Constitution or By-laws of the Association may be proposed by the Executive Committee or by a member of the Association at a regular meeting. A vote shall be taken by the Association, not sooner than one week after the proposal, said revision or amendment to have been posted on the Association Bulletin Board during the intervening time. After endorsement by a three-fourths majority of the Association, said amendment or revision shall be presented, through the College Council, to the Faculty for ratification. Upon ratification of the Faculty, it then becomes valid and binding upon the whole Association.

REVISION OF THE BY-LAWS OF THE S. B. S. G. A.

BY-LAWS

I—Infractions

Infractions of the Student Government rules shall be classified as (a) Minor Offenses, and (b) Major Offenses.

(a) Such infractions of quiet, light and fire-prevention rules as shall entail a summons before the Executive Committee shall constitute a Minor Offense. (See By-law No. II, Section 1.)

(b) An infraction of a rule not directly under the jurisdiction of the Proctors shall constitute a Major Offense. Such offenses come under the Honor System. (See Article II of the Constitution.)

II—Penalties

Section 1. Minor Offenses.

(a) Each Proctor shall keep a record and make a daily report to her House President of every student who has been proctored during the preceding twenty-four hours. If six such reports are recorded against one student she shall receive a reprimand and warning from her House President. Three additional reports constitute a Minor Offense, for which she shall be summoned before the Executive Committee for trial. The following penalties may be imposed, at the discretion of the Executive Committee sitting as a judicial body:

(1) Withdrawal of privileges.

(2) Period of confinement to campus.

(3) Deprivation of Honorable Membership.

(b) After the first Minor Offense, two additional reports shall constitute a Second Minor Offense, with penalties as above.

(c) After the Second Minor Offense, two additional reports shall constitute a Third Minor Offense. Such a case may, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, be appealed by the Executive Committee to the College Council for adjudication.

Sec. 2. Major Offenses.

The Executive Committee shall have original jurisdiction in the case of Major Offenses, but before final decision, shall appeal the case to the College Council for adjudication.

III—Proctor System

Under the general jurisdiction of the Proctors shall be the rules of Quiet, of Lights, and of Fire-Prevention.

Section 1. Quiet.

(a) Reasonable quiet shall be observed always in and around all college buildings.

(b) On each week-day there shall be no disturbance in the dormitories during the following quiet hours:

8:20 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. (except Saturday.)

7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. (except Friday and Saturday.)

(c) There shall be absolute quiet after lights.

(d) There shall be no piano playing during chapel services.

(e) There shall be no playing of musical instruments on Sundays—

(1) Before 10 a.m.

(2) During chapel service, in Manson or Randolph.

(f) The spirit of Sunday shall be observed throughout the day. The pianos, or other musical instruments, shall not be used on Sunday for "jazz" music.

Sec. 2. Lights.

(a) All lights in students' rooms shall be turned off at 10:30 P. M., except in the cases of light cuts granted by the Faculty as Class privileges.

(b) Lights shall not be turned on again after 10:30 P. M., except in case of illness.

(c) House Presidents may keep their lights on until 12 P. M.

(d) No student, except Seniors, may be out of the dormitories after 10:30 P. M. without permission from the President of Student Government, unless chaperoned by

(1) The President of Student Government or a House President.

(2) A member of the Faculty.

(3) An alumna (graduate).

(e) Any student who is found to abuse her light-cut privilege shall be deprived of the privilege for a period of four months from the date of the offense.

Sec. 3. Fire-Prevention Rules:

(a) There shall be no sternos or candles used in the dormitories.

(b) There shall be no fires made in any room.

(c) There shall be no cooking after lights.

(d) There shall be no climbing or sitting on fire escapes.

IV—System of Points

14 Points

President of Student Government Association.

President of Sweet Briar Christian Association.

President of Athletic Association.

President of Dramatic Association.

10 Points

Editor-in-Chief of Annual.

Editor-in-Chief of Magazine.

8 Points

Secretary of Student Government Association.

Business Manager of Annual.

Business Manager of Magazine.

6 Points

Secretary of Sweet Briar Christian Association.

Treasurer of Sweet Briar Christian Association.

Treasurer of Student Government Association.

Treasurer of Athletic Association.

President of International Relations.

President of Tau Phi.

President of French Club.

Members of Student Government Executive Committee.

Head of Basketball.

Head of Hockey.

4 Points

Class President.

Vice-President of Student Government Association.

Vice-President of Sweet Briar Christian Association.

Vice-President of Athletic Association.

Vice-President of Dramatic Association.

Secretary and Treasurer of Dramatic Association.

Secretary of Athletic Association.

Chairman of Temporary Committee.

Chairman of Standing Committee.

Staff Member of Magazine.

2 Points

Member of Dramatic Committee.

Member of Social Service Committee.

Member of Extension Committee.

Other offices of International Relations, Tau Phi, and French Club.

V—Dues

The dues of the Student Government Association shall be $2.50 per year.

VI—Eligibility

No student who is deficient in her academic work, or is not in good standing with the Student Government Association, may hold office in the Association, be May Queen, be in the May Day Court, or take part in the Dramatic Association plays. Deficiency in academic work shall be defined as the failure to maintain an average grade of 75% during the previous semester.

VII—Walking and Horseback Ribing

1. There shall be no walking or riding in unsuitable places or at unsuitable hours.

2. There shall be no walking or riding in groups of less than three outside of college limits without permission from the President of the Athletic Association.

3. There shall be no walking or riding during chapel service on Sunday.

VIII—Riding in Automobiles

1. There shall be no riding in automobiles except those approved by the College.

2. There shall be a Faculty chaperon with every group of students riding in hired cars other than those ordered by Miss Dix.

3. There shall be no riding in cars with young men unchaperoned.

4. On no occasion shall a student accept offers of rides from strangers on any public road.

5. Freshmen obtain permission from the General Freshman Advisor; other students from the President of Student Government, to take short rides from the College with friends.

IX—Amherst

1. Parties going to dinner in Amherst shall be composed of four or more girls.

2. Underclassmen shall be chaperoned by a Senior, or other chaperon approved by the President of Student Government.

3. Parties must bring a list of members to the President of Student Government, before leaving, and must report their return.

X—Social Affairs

1. Students shall observe certain definite formalities concerning dates with young men on Saturday nights and Sundays:

(a) Permission for Saturday night dates:

(1) Freshmen must obtain permission from the General Freshman Advisor before 11 A. M., Saturday.

(2) Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors must obtain permission from the President of Student Government before 11 A. M., Saturday.

(b) Permission for Sunday dates:

(1) Freshmen must obtain permission from the General Freshman

Advisor before 10 A. M. Sunday.

(2) Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors must obtain permission from the President of Student Government before 10 A. M. Sunday.

(c) Regular Sunday hours from 12 M. to 6 P. M.

EXCEPTIONS

(1) If men come before noon they must go to church (Chapel).

(2) To stay later than 6 P. M., special permission must be obtained from the President of Student Government.

2. Dates on other days.

(a) No students (except Seniors) are expected to entertain men at the college during the week, except in very special instances. Permission must be obtained from the President of Student Government.

3. Gymnasium.

(a) Men must be introduced to chaperons before dancing.

(b) Men must leave by 10:20 P. M.

4. Station.

(a) Students may go to and from the Sweet Briar Station with men in the 'bus only before 6 P. M., unchaperoned.

(b) Students may go to and from the Sweet Briar Station after 6 P. M., when chaperoned by a member of the Executive Committee.

(c) Permission must be obtained from the President of Student Government to walk to or from the station with men.

XI—Lynchburg

1. Dignified behavior shall be observed in Lynchburg at all times.

2. There shall be no dates with men after 7:30 P. M.

3. At no time shall there be dancing in public places in Lynchburg.

4. Every student shall return promptly to College (8:30 P. M.).

5. Dining at the Virginian Hotel:

(a) No student shall dine at the Virginian Hotel with young men unchaperoned. A College chaperon will be provided for Saturdays.

(b) On other days underclassmen, unaccompanied by men, may be chaperoned by an upperclassman; upperclassmen, unaccompanied by men, may dine at the Virginian without a chaperon.

6. No student may go to Lynchburg on Sunday without permission.

(a) Freshmen shall obtain permission from the General Freshman Advisor.

(b) Other students shall obtain permission from the President of Student Government.

XII—Country Club

1. Upperclassmen may dine in a party at the Country Club, with Mrs. Adams as chaperon, if prearranged.

2. Underclassmen must have a special chaperon.

3. Any student dining with a man at the Country Club must have a special chaperon.

XIII—Absences

No one may leave the campus for a night at any time without permission.

(a) Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors shall consult the Dean.

(b) Freshmen shall consult the General Freshman Adviser.

XIV—Smoking

Smoking will not be countenanced within the College limits, or on journeys to and from Sweet Briar, or within a radius of 100 miles, except in private homes where a student is visiting on leave of absence granted by the Dean.

XV—Hazing

There shall be no hazing at any time. The Varsity Council will retain its special province.

XVI—Religious Meetings

1. Chapel attendance is compulsory Sunday morning and Wednesday night.

2. Every student is allowed nine chapel cuts a semester. A Sunday cut counts as two.

3. Any girl who has over-cut chapel shall be fined $5 00 for each excess cut, the fund collected to be used at the discretion of the Church Committee.

XVII—College Property

Students are expected to show careful consideration for College buildings, grounds, or any other college property.

THE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Life at Sweet Briar is essentially an outdoor life. Because of this, students take advantage of the splendid opportunities offered for sport of almost every kind. You become a member of the Association on the payment of dues ($5.00 annually), and are then entitled to the use of all athletic property, such as tennis courts, hockey fields, boats, canoes, etc. The organized sports—hockey, basketball, tennis, track, hiking, riding, and swimming—as well as those less important ones which are not definitely organized, are under the control of the Athletic Association, Dr. Harley, and an efficient physical director.

In order to recognize good work, awards are given, by the point system, consisting of class numerals, college monograms, stripes, and sweaters.

CONSTITUTION OF
PAINT AND PATCHES
THE DRAMATIC ASSOCIATION
OF
SWEET BRIAR COLLEGE

PREAMBLE

Whereas, we the students of Sweet Briar College, desire to form an Association for the purpose of creating and developing in ourselves an active interest in all branches of the drama, we do hereby, in accordance with an agreement between the Faculty and Students, organize ourselves and establish the Constitution for the Dramatic Association.

Article I—Name

The name of this Dramatic Association shall be PAINT AND PATCHES.

Article II—Purpose

The aim of the Dramatic Association is to promote creative work and deeper knowledge of the technique of dramatic art.

Article III—Membership

There shall be two forms of membership, namely:—

1. Membership at large—Associate membership.
2. Club Membership—Active membership.

Article IV—Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Dramatic Association shall be a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2. There shall be an Executive Committee composed of the President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and a certain number of active members which does not exceed twelve or is not less than eight.

Article V—Elections

Section 1. 1. The candidates for President, of which there shall not be less than three shall be nominated by a nominating committee appointed by the President of the Association. This committee, consisting of four Active Members and the President, shall present their nominees to the Club members at a meeting held between the fifteenth of February and the fifteenth of March.

2. The candidates for Vice-President, Recording Secretary and Treasurer shall be nominated by the nominating committee and presented to the Club members at a meeting between the fifteenth of February and the fifteenth of April.

3. The office of Corresponding Secretary shall be filled by appointment of the President.

Section 2. The elections shall take place at the succeeding meeting after nominations.

Section 3. The nominees shall be reduced by voting to three on whom two votes shall be taken.

Section 4. 1. Voting shall be by secret ballot.

2. Simple majority shall be valid only in a final vote between two nominees.

3. In case of a tie the President shall cast the deciding vote.

4. Defeated candidates shall not automatically pass down as nominees for remaining offices.

Article VI—Duties

1. It shall be the duty of the President to call and preside at all meetings of the Association, to call and preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee, to appoint special committees and serve as member on said committees, to be responsible for direction and production of all work of the Association.

2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to perform the duties of the President in absence of said President and to serve unofficially on all Committees.

3. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to record the minutes of all Association and Executive Meetings and to perform any further similar duties specified by the President.

4. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to carry on all correspondence of the Association, to file letters

received and carbon copies of letters sent, and to be responsible for typing any further scripts necessary.

5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to take charge of the finances of the Association, to keep a strict and permanent record which shall be accessible to all members of the Association.

6. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to attend to the general management of the Association.

Article VII—Dues

Section 1. The dues of the Association shall consist of an annual fee of three dollars ($3.00) per person.

Section 2. No one shall be considered a member of the Association or be permitted to enjoy its privileges until the dues are paid.

Section 3. Dues can be changed only by a vote of the Executive Committee and the permission of the President of the College.

Section 4. Dues shall always be such that a member paying said dues shall pay less than a person who pays for each play individually.

Section 5. Club members can take no active part in a production unless their dues are paid.

Article VIII—Meetings

Section 1. SEMI-ANNUAL MEETINGS.

1. A meeting shall be held during the first week of October for: a. The presentation of the plans for the year by the President. b. The Treasurer's report.

2. A meeting shall be held as soon as possible after May Day for: a. Any reports of the President. b. The Treasurer's report.

Section 2. REGULAR MEETINGS. 1. There shall be meetings of the Association called at the discretion of the President.

2. A meeting of the Association shall be called by the President at the written request of fifteen active members of the Association.

3. Two thirds of the active members shall constitute a quorum.

Article IX—Eligibility

Section 1. 1. Any student or member of the faculty other than club members, who has paid the annual dues, which corresponds to a season ticket for all Paint and Patches productions, is entitled to associate or membership at large in the Association.

a. This membership does not entitle members to any franchise in the association.

b. Associate members may be called upon to do, or partake in active work in the association.

c. Associate members may attend open meetings in which many vital plans of the association are discussed.

d. Associate members may attend meetings in which instruction on make-up, lighting, pantomime, stage technique, etc., is given and other questions of the drama are discussed.

2. Active Membership shall be governed by competitive try-outs or particular demonstration of individual's ability in some line of dramatic activity.

a. Active Membership becomes invalid if the individual fails to pay her annual dues within one month's time of notification by Treasurer that said dues are to be paid.

b. Active membership automatically becomes invalid if the individual fails to take any active interest in the activities of the Association for the period of one year and a half.

Section 2. ELIGIBILITY FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. 1. The President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary and Treasurer of the Association in virtue of their office automatically become members of executive when they assume their official position.

2. The standing officers at any time may vote into the executive body any further active member who, by merit of her work, has proven herself worthy of such membership.

Section 3. ELIGIBILITY FOR OFFICE. 1. Any nominee for office, or an individual holding office, must be:

a. In good standing with student Government.

b. In good Academic Standing.

2. Any exceptions to this ruling may be referred and acted upon at the discretion of the Executive Committee and the President of the College.

Article X—Committees

There shall be three standing committees, the members of which shall not necessarily be constant throughout the year.

1. Try-Out Committee. This Committee shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and five other club members, two of which are auxiliary members of aforementioned Committee.

2. Play Selection Committee. This committee shall consist of the President, Vice-President and two Club members.

3. Casting Committee. This committee shall consist of the President, Vice-President and three Club members.

Article XI—Duties of Committees

I. Try-Out Committee:

1. Members of this Committee shall attend all try-outs for Active Membership, keeping a thoughtful record of each individual try-out.

2. Each member of this Committee, excepting the two auxiliary members, is entitled to a vote in determining membership of participants in the try-outs.

3. In the absence of a member of the Committee during the try-outs, the Auxiliary Members alternately vote in place of Absentees.

4. Membership is determined by a simple majority of votes cast.

II. Play Selection Committee:

1. This committee will be held responsible for reading any play or plays designated by the President, and shall also give due consideration to any play suggested by any members of the Association.

2. This committee shall make a report on plays read and shall make recommendations which shall be subject to the President's approval.

3. The vote of a member of this committee is automatically disregarded if said member fails to read the designated plays before the time necessary for rehearsals of the production.

III. Casting Committee:

1. Members of this committee shall be present at all Try-Outs for the play for which they have been appointed.

2. This committee shall give due consideration to any member desiring to try out for any part.

3. It may also request any further member to do the same.

4. Simple majority shall be valid in this voting.

5. This ruling shall be invalid in case of work produced under an outside Dramatic Coach.

Article XII—Initiation

There shall be one day set aside for the initiation of the new active members during which these members:

1. Shall wear paint on one cheek and patches on the other as a symbol of their new status as Club Members.

2. Shall be at the disposal of an old member issuing any reasonable command.

3. Shall give, at a specified time, a dignified exhibition of their dramatic ability, which will serve as a temporary basis for casting.

Article XIII—Amendments

This Constitution can only be amended by:

1. A two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee.

2. A two-thirds vote of the active members of the Association.

3. The approval of the President of the College.

BY-LAWS

1. All questions of order shall be decided by standard authority on rules of order.

2. The President of the Association is responsible for the keeping of a record in

which is filed an accurate and personal account of the work done and work refused, with stated reasons, of every member of the Association.

3. The President of the Association shall be held responsible for the members instruction in the fundamentals of:

(a) Make-up,
(b) Pantomime,
(c) Lighting,
(d) Stage technique.

4. The dates for all student association and class plays, minstrels, vaudevilles, revues and other performances of dramatic character shall be arranged for on the Student Activity Calendar *thru* the President of the Dramatic Association.

This will eliminate conflict in plans and rehearsals and eventuate a systematic cooperation of the entire student body in all such aforementioned productions.

5. All student association and class plays, minstrels, vaudevilles, revues and other performances of dramatic character shall be subject to a censorship committee appointed by the president of Paint and Patches, as the Dramatic Association is now held responsible to the entire Sweet Briar body for all such productions instead of the former faculty censorship committee.

6. All productions of outside organizations, as dramatic or musical clubs, if not coming under the direct auspices of Paint and Patches likewise must be ar-

ranged for with the President of the Dramatic Association to avoid conflict with other student activities and plans.

7. All performances given under the auspices of Paint and Patches, shall be open to the public. This includes any student association or class production which has been approved of by the Dramatic Association.

8. Any member who has not paid her dues is not eligible to take any active part in the association.

9. Any member shall automatically be dropped if payment of said dues is not met with in three months after time for payment.

10. Members shall be given sufficient warning by the President and the Treasurer of the Association before this action becomes effective.

11. Any member of a rehearsing cast who by her unexcused tardiness, absence, or disturbing behavior retards the progress of a production shall be automatically dropped at the discretion of the director.

12. Reference of this action shall be made immediately to the Executive Committee to whom an appeal may be made within 24 hours by the offending member.

13. The final decision of such action lies in the decision of the President of the Association and the director of the production.

14. If the date of production is so near that such action as stated in By-Law 11, could not be taken without injury to the production, the offending member shall be allowed to continue work in the rehearsing production but shall be disqualified for further active work in the Association for a certain period of time set by the Executive Committee.

15. This period of time as stated in By-Law 14 shall cover at least the period of the next production.

16. The ballot boxes during election shall be in charge of the officers of the association.

17. Honorary members may be elected to the Dramatic Association by a simple majority of the Active Members.

ATHLETIC RECORDS

Sweet Briar at present holds the American Inter-collegiate record for the 2-foot 60-yard hurdles.

In the year 1923-24 the Sweet Briar hockey team held the championship of the South and the tennis team, the first organized at Sweet Briar, won all of its matches. Interest has steadily grown in all forms of sport and the outlook for the succeeding years is so bright as to warrant our belief that Sweet Briar will become widely famed for excellent and wisely conducted athletic exercises.

THE HONOR SYSTEM

We have been able to maintain a high standard of honor at Sweet Briar, and we look to you to do your part in the future towards keeping this standard. We have an Honor Council composed of one member elected from each class, and the President of the Student Government Association. This student committee has the power to investigate and take action in any case which comes under its observation. The final word rests with the faculty, but we are glad to say that it is seldom necessary to resort to this Supreme Court.

This system is not only in use during examination time but all class work during the year is done under the same standard. Much that is winked at and overlooked in a preparatory school is strictly noticed here at Sweet Briar. Please be careful wherever your honor is concerned and there will be no question as to an Honor System.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CLUB

Dr. McDougle was the first person who awoke Sweet Briar to the need of a study of the problems of international diplomacy. He, therefore, got in touch with Prof. G. H. Blakeslee, editor of the Journal of International Relations, and received permission to start a club at Sweet Briar. This club is one of the

number to be founded in the Universities and Colleges of the country under the auspices and with the assistance of the Carnegie Foundation for International Peace.

The Club is composed of Seniors and Juniors, with a certain academic standing, who are particularly interested. The membership is limited to thirty.

Dr. McDougle's leadership will be missed greatly in the next year, but under the guidance of Elizabeth Manning, the new student President, the Club is looking forward to a very successful year.

International Relations fills a particular need and is useful and prominent in college organizations. Under its auspices many interesting and distinguished speakers have been brought to Sweet Briar.

TAU PHI

As a literary society, Tau Phi holds a unique position in the College. It is the first organizaiton of its kind that we have had and has from the first been singularly successful in giving both pleasure and profit to its members. The Club is composed of ten Seniors and ten Juniors each representing interest in some particular line, for the Tau Phi is not restricted to literary activities, but encourages interest and ability in many fields. The present members hope the

new initiates will feel it more and more of an honor to belong.

THE BRIAR PATCH

An annual is always important. The Junior Class "gets out" the *Briar Patch* and it looks to the members of its sister class, The Freshman, for a great deal of help. You will be glad to have a part in it and to own a *Briar Patch* as a permanent record of your college life among the beauties of the Virginia hills.

THE BRAMBLER

The Brambler is the college magazine that is issued six times a year by the students. It is a live publication and we are depending upon the Class of '28 to make it more so. In this magazine we are attempting to combine literary and artistic material, with the humorous. It is your magazine and because of this you will want to subscribe and contribute to it. The publication a college puts out is representative of that college and we want *The Brambler* to represent Sweet Briar in the best possible manner. In order to do this everyone must coöperate and work together to make it an even better and bigger magazine than it has ever been before.

THE DRIVE

The Sweet Briar students have started a drive for $120,000 with which to erect a new building, containing a Little Theater and gymnasium with a pool. The girls and alumnæ already realize the need for this building and the Class of '28 will soon do so. In order to advance in dramatics and athletics a new building is needed and it is up to the students to raise the money.

The Student Chairman of the Drive is Elizabeth Moore, 257 Kings Highway W., Haddonfield, N. J.

LE CERCLE FRANCAIS

The French Department has just organized "Le Cercle Français" for advanced French students who are interested. It forwards the use of French in everyday social intercourse and has its meetings twice a month.

THE CHOIR

A great deal of the beauty of the church services is due to the choir, and if you sing, there is a place on it for you. Trials are held during the first two weeks in the fall. Besides the real pleasure you should derive from membership, the experience, under Miss Jones's direction, is good training. Rehearsals for choir are held for an hour Thursday evening and directly before the Sunday morning service.

FOR FRESHMEN ONLY

Laws of Varsity Council

Whereas, we the Seniors, Juniors, and Sophomores of Sweet Briar College, represented by the Varsity Council, desire that at all times the Freshmen of Sweet Briar College pay proper respect to upperclassmen (Seniors and Juniors), we therefore demand that the aforesaid Freshmen comply with the following laws:

Resolved that:

Law 1.—Freshmen shall at all times show deference to Faculty.

Law 2.—Freshmen shall give precedence to upperclassmen in all line formation, viz.: Mail lines, post office, bank, bus lines, tea house, and book shop. They shall offer their chairs to upperclassmen whenever the latter are standing.

Law 3.—On all occasions Freshmen sacrifice their seats to upperclassmen in such places as the tea-house, parlors, rooms, campus, and arcades.

Law 4.—No Freshmen shall sit on the concrete wall adjacent to Randolph, the Refectory steps, the arcade or in Grey Hall.

Law 5.—No Freshmen shall sit in front of row TWELVE in the chapel at concerts, meetings, or entertainments of any kind, except religious meetings.

Law 6.—Freshmen shall stand aside for upperclassmen at ALL doors.

Law 7.—Freshmen shall be careful at all times of their personal appearance.

Law 8.—No Freshman shall break two old girls dancing together in the gymnasium.

Law 9.—No Freshman shall break a Senior dancing in the gym on Saturday night.

Law 10.—Freshmen shall wear a uniform apron between the hours of 7:30 a. m. and 3:00 p. m., on all days except holidays. Aprons shall be clean. This apron shall be worn so that it can be seen, i. e.: over dress from beginning of classes to Founders' Day.

Law 11.—Freshmen shall not use cosmetics while wearing aprons, roll their stockings, walk on the grass or chew gum.

Law 12.—Freshmen must know the Sweet Briar Song.

Law 13.—Freshmen shall wear regulalation green choker beads on Saturday nights, Sundays and while off campus for the first six weeks.

Resolution 1.—A Vigilance committee shall be appointed from the Sophomore Class, which shall be vested with the power to report all misdemeanors on the part of the Freshmen, to the Varsity Council. The accused Freshman shall be tried in court by the aforesaid Varsity Council of Sweet Briar College. If found guilty, penalties shall be inflicted by the Varsity Council.

Resolution 2.—This Constitution is subject to revision and amendments.

The Varsity Council shall consist of the four class presidents (president of Senior Class as chairman), and two representatives from each class appointed by respective presidents.

TELEGRAMS

All telegrams for Sweet Briar are telephoned from Amherst. Both the Western Union and the Postal have a direct telephone connection with the college.

MAILS

Mail is neither received nor sent off on Sunday.

The post office is in the Administration Building. One must go there to buy stamps, register letters, secure money orders, send off and insure packages. Letters not registered and parcels not insured are delivered from the Linen Room. Letters, but no packages, may be placed in the receptacles in the dormitories; these are collected from all the dormitory boxes at 7:30 a. m., and from the box in Gray only, at 12:50 p. m.

Mails must be in the post office by 7 a. m., 11:30, and 3:30 for out-going mails.

The 7 o'clock mail carries *only* Southern mail.

The 11:30 mail carries *only* Northern mail.

The 3:30 mail carries *both* Southern and Northern mail.

Northern parcel post leaves *only* at 11:30.

Southern parcel post leaves *only* at 3:30.

PRACTICAL POINTERS

Students' rooms are furnished with beds, chiffoniers, tables, bookcases, chairs, and rugs, and the usual amount of bedding. Each student should provide herself with her own towels, and an extra blanket and sheets. Couch covers, curtains, desk lamps, easy chairs, etc., are usually obtained from the Lynchburg stores.

Electric stoves, etc., may be used.

Middy blouses (white) and dark green bloomers are used in the gymnastic drills and basketball practice, which each student is required to attend unless excused by the physician.

Bathing suits will be useful in the fall and spring.

Each student is expected to take one hour of exercise a day.

Dresses, skirts, etc., may be taken to the laundry for cleaning, pressing, and plaiting, at nominal charge.

A Riding Permit must be given to the physical director before any student will be permitted to ride horseback.

No student will be permitted to go bathing in the lake until she has a WRITTEN PERMISSION from her guardian filed with the physical director and has passed her physical examination under Dr. Harley.

The Student Government Association of the College regulates observance of quiet hours. Lights go out at 10:30 p. m., at which time absolute quiet is required.

Trips of college students to Lynchburg are subject to the chaperonage rules of the Student Government Association.

The regulations of Student Government are posted on the S. G. A. bulletin board in Academic and each student is held absolutely responsible for knowing them. Each student is responsible for everything that goes on at every Student Government meeting.

Athletic rules and items of interest are posted on the Athletic bulletin board.

Read the bulletin boards! Students are held responsible for official notices posted on the bulletins.

Students should read carefully the printed rules to be found in the Library regarding the use of books. Violations of rules implies a loss of Library privileges or a fine.

Students who are ill or indisposed may have meals sent to their rooms at a charge of twenty-five cents. Orders for meals with the cash payments for them must be placed in the boxes for that purpose in the various dormitories not later than fifteen minutes before dining-room bell rings.

Food such as bread, butter, jam, and fruit may be obtained at the Refectory during the interval of an hour before to an hour after each meal. The cost of the food is nominal.

Horses for riding and driving may be obtained from the livery stable in Amherst.

Be sure to do some work in the Young Women's Christian Association. Each member is responsible for the success of the Association work.

The chapel service affords us a few minutes each day for devotional thought. Remember that talking to your neighbor not only disturbs her, but jars upon a large number within sight or sound, and detracts greatly from the otherwise sacred atmosphere of the Chapel service.

Attend REGULARLY and PROMPTLY your Association meetings, class meetings, and song practices.

The first class meeting of the Freshman Class is called by the Junior President, who is then President *pro tem* of the Freshmen until the election of their officers after six weeks.

Do not forget that you are a Freshman at Sweet Briar College and NOT an upperclassman at your preparatory school.

The Senior Study is for the use of the Seniors and their guests only.

"Good advice is beyond price."—Consult an upperclassman about the things you do not understand. She will be glad to help you.

Fire drills are held for the purpose of teaching the students to go out of the buildings in a quick, QUIET, and orderly fashion.

Communications by telephone or telegraph are made through the "Linen Room."

Special Delivery and express lists are posted on the Gray bulletin board and the letters or packages delivered from the "Linen Room."

When students arrive at the Sweet Briar station they will find the Sweet Briar omnibus at the south end of the station building. The charge between

the station and the college is 15 cents. If you give the driver your trunk check and 50 cents he will attend to bringing up your trunk.

The House President in your dormitory will be glad to help you in any way she can.

Remember that YOU represent Sweet Briar on every occasion.

The Dean's office is open from 2 to 4 p. m.

The Treasurer's office is open from 8:30 to 1:25 each day except Sunday for the transaction of business with the students. Jewelry or other valuables may be left with him for safe keeping. Money may be deposited with him to be withdrawn as the student desires in sums not less than one dollar.

It is inadvisable to keep money in your room except in small amounts.

The Treasurer will also furnish information about railroad travel and schedules of trains.

Orders at the Students' Bookshop are not honored until a deposit of $15.00 for the first semester has been made. An extra $5 stationery deposit is also customary.

When parents of the students visit the college, they may see the Treasurer in the afternoon

It has been decided by the student body that a "College Activities Fund," covering annual dues to the various organizations, be added to the general expenses. This will eliminate "Pay Day" in the fall.

Class of 1925

MOTTO: Honor ante honores.
COLORS: Peacock blue and green.
EMBLEM: Peacock.

Class of 1926

MOTTO: Ne obliviscamur.
COLORS: Green and black.
EMBLEM: Oak tree.

Class of 1927

MOTTO: Spectamur agendo.
COLORS: Delph blue and black.
EMBLEM: Lion.

Class of 1928

MOTTO: Factum non verbum.
COLORS: Purple and gold.
EMBLEM: Swan.

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Tau Phi.....Martha Lee

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